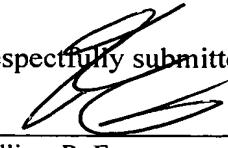


REMARKS

The amendments do not introduce any new subject matter because:

- 1) From page 12, lines 14ff, "For conventional TDM service, the cross-connecting module schedules TDM data of one time slot to another time slot through space-division or time-division, implementing cross-scheduling . . .", it is seen that this invention can be implemented based on time slot scheduling, i.e., TDM. From page 2, line 26ff, . . ., the present invention aims to provide an integrated cross-switching unit to integrate the functions of TDM cross-connecting and data switching into the same unit . . .," it is also seen that this invention can be implemented based on time slot scheduling, i.e., TDM.
- 2) As is known to those skilled in the art, ADH, SONET and OTN are all techniques based on TDM in principle. That is SDH, SONET and OTN can implement data transmission based on TDM.

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